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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s) : Yoshikatsu UETAKE et al. )  
Serial No. : 09/645,875 )  
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For : DIGITAL SWITCHING SYSTEM AND )  
METHOD OF SWITCHING DATA OF )  
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AMENDMENT

May 5, 2004

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, the time for response to which is extended up to and including May 5, 2004 by the Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as shown on the following pages.

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